(c) whether this will meet the demand; and

(d) if not, how it is proposed to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) Allocations of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) are not based on demands of States/UTs. Government allocates foodgrains to States & UTs under TPDS based on allocation norms. For 21.20 lakh Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including 8.128 lakh Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families in Gujarat, foodgrains are allocated in full quantity at the scale of 35 kg per family per month as per allocation norms.

Allocation of foodgrains under Above Poverty Line (APL) category is made based on availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool and past offtake. Presently, allocation of foodgrains under APL category to Gujarat is made @ 10 kg per APL family per month in respect of accepted number of 66.37 lakh APL families. The total month-wise TPDS allocations of foodgrains including coarsegrains for all categories of families for the State of Gujarat during 2008-09 are as under:

(In tons)

Month(s)	Allocation made per month
April, 2008-September, 2008	83215
October, 2008-February, 2009	93215
March, 2009 onwards	140574

Adulteration in foodgrains

†3295. SHRI AVTAR SINGH KARIMPURI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of individuals/companies found involved in adulteration in foodgrains during last three years;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise, district-wise and year-wise;

(c) the total number of cases filled by Government on the charge of adulteration of foodgrains;

(d) the details of their names and addresses, State-wise, district-wise and year-wise;

(e) the number of people sent to prison under these charges, so far; and

(f) the details thereof, State-wise, district-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (f) As per information received from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the implementation of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954 and Rules 1955 is entrusted to Food (Health) Authorities of the States/UTs. The statement giving number of samples of foodgrains found adulterated, state-wise, during last three years are enclosed *(See* below). In case samples are found adulterated, action is taken by the State Governments and UT Administrations under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954 to prosecute the offenders in the court of law. The information regarding district-wise cases of adulteration of foodgrains are not maintained centrally.

Statement

Number of samples of foodgrains tested and found adulterated, State-wise during last three years from 2006 to 2008

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2006		2007		2008	
		Tested	Found adulterated	Tested	Found adulterated	Tested	Found adulterated
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh	3402	77	3024	94	3137	115
2	Arunachal Pradesh	8	Nil	25	Nil	31	01
3	Assam	270	05	283	15	290	16
4	Bihar	449	105	120	19	NA	NA
5	Goa	08	Nil	67	Nil	41	Nil
6	Gujarat	584	24	501	07	463	06
7	Haryana	229	54	224	30	365	54
8	Himachal Pradesh	39	09	48	11	61	18
9	Jammu & Kashmir	90	09	55	06	NA	NA
10	Karnataka	366	64	860	126	1228	64
11	Kerala	1699	44	1837	52	1988	47
12	Madhya Pradesh	195	12	NA	NA	NA	NA
13	Maharashtra	1853	79	NA	NA	NA	NA
14	Manipur	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	07	Nil
15	Meghalaya	07	Nil	Nil	Nil	NA	NA
16	Mizoram	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	NA	NA
17	Nagaland	08	Nil	08	02	09	NA
18	Orissa	69	20	57	19	NA	NA
19	Punjab	277	19	211	07	NA	NA

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
20	Rajasthan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
21	Sikkim	14	03	12	02	NA	NA
22	Tamil Nadu	849	64	NA	NA	NA	NA
23	Tripura	29	Nil	Nil	Nil	NA	NA
24	Uttar Pradesh	1528	144	NA	NA	93	08
25	West Bengal	159	22	118	12	NA	NA
26	A&N Islands	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	NA	NA
27	Chandigarh	47	06	16	03	16	NA
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	02	01	01	Nil	07	NA
29	Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	NA	NA
30	Delhi	415	35	349	25	NA	NA
31	Lakshadweep	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
32	Pondicherry	139	03	115	01	NA	NA
33	Chattisgarh	11	04	01	01	NA	NA
34	Jharkhand	86	07	236	55	NA	NA
35	Uttaranchal	07	02	04	01	NA	NA
	TOTAL	12839	812	8172	488	7736	329

NA= Information not made available by the States / UTs.

Black marketing and hoarding of essential commodities

3296. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that black marketing and hoarding of essential commodities is on the rise in the country leading to rise in prices and shortage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of complaints received in this regard and action taken against those people involved in hoarding and black marketing;

(d) whether Government has directed State Governments to ensure declaration of excess stocks by wholesellers to prevent hoarding and black marketing; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The prices of some essential commodities have risen during the current year on account of various factors like poor rainfall, high international